

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

We are pleased you have joined us for worship this Sunday morning. We are a faithful congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and within the bounds of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Worship is one of the many ministries that are facilitated by this historic and active congregation. A small group of Presbyterians began this ministry in 1835 and we are called by God to continue their faithful witness of Jesus Christ to our community and world. Bible studies and mission projects punctuate our weekly activities. If you would like more information about our ministries and/or becoming a new member, please call our church office during the week or talk to our pastor after worship. *Visitors and members alike are encouraged to complete the registration pad located on the main aisle of each pew.* Your contact information is never shared with any other identity.




Lay Leader is Katherine Harrison.

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Gene Hildrich, Walter Wilde, Nelle Johnson

Pastoral Care: Myra Peo, Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Bill Stover, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, DaNece (friend of Dusti & Tami Miller), Brucee Woods

In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; Eric Rueseler, LCPL; David Parkinson, Travis Air Force Base, CA; Col. Richard Parkinson, MacDill Air Force Base, FL; Jeff Parkinson, Elgin Air Force Base, FL. (Bob & Ann Parkinson's nephews); John Raimondo, Camp LeJeune, N. Carolina (Sharon Metcalfe's grandson); Ryan Bloomingdale, Ft. Campbell, Ky (grandson of Sharon Metcalfe) Eric Yocom, Air Force, Mountain Home, Idaho (Ray & Sandy Wilhelm's grandson)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Both Children's Sunday School Classes will meet after the Kid's Message in worship. The Lower Grade's Class will meet in their classroom next to the Nursery. Kathy Woodfin and Cherie Herbst will be teaching this class. The curriculum will focus on "The Stories of the Old Testament" based on the *Read and Learn Bible*. The Upper Grade's Class will meet in their classroom on the second floor. Their curriculum will focus on studying "The Parables of Jesus". This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, Kate Broeckling and Julie Harrison.

 **In support of our local FISH, the January Meal a Month-** 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese mix, can of evaporated milk, can of green beans, can of peaches. Please put in the box in the Narthex.

A big **thank you** to everyone who helped to un-decorate the church last Sunday. We boxed up our wreaths, lights, and more, and look forward to opening them up again at the end of the year. The members of the Worship and Arts Team are grateful to everyone who helped make our celebration of the Advent and Christmas season such a success!

Why is it important to go to church—to worship and serve God with other believers? It is important because you were created for deep fellowship with God and with God's people. Unfortunately, sometimes we think that "church" is merely singing a few hymns and listening to a sermon. Although that is part of it, what's missing is how you discover and implement God's purpose for your life in partnership with those who will love, encourage and equip you. It is in relationship with other believers that God helps you become all you were created to be.

CALENDAR	Sunday 1/10	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
		10:30 am	Worship Service
	Tuesday 1/12	11:00 am	Daytime Circle
	Wednesday 1/13	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
	Thursday 1/14	7:00 pm	Book Club
	Friday 1/15	Pray for	Ruth Needle, Lisa Bishop (birthday)
	Sunday 1/17	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
		10:30 am	Worship Service
		Noon	Session Meeting

The Daytime Circle will meet in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. We will order off the menu and each person will be responsible for their own lunch. Please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 to let one of them know you plan to attend. The discussion will be on Lesson 7 from our study book, PSALMS by Sue Edwards. Or - read Psalm 103 and you will be ready to participate.

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the home of Sandy Wilhelm. The book discussion will be on Harper Lee's "Go Set a Watchman". The February meeting will be on Thursday, February 11 on the book "The Confessor" by Dan Silva. For the month of March, the book "All Fall Down" by Jennifer Weiner will be discussed on Thursday, March 10. The meeting places for February and March have not been finalized.

Church isn't a country club for Christians; it is a living community that exists to edify its members and glorify God. Don't avoid it! Join your brothers and sisters in Christ, and worship him together as you were created to do.

Next Sunday is our Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries. We celebrate these milestones in our church family on the third Sunday of the month. As we acknowledge and honor our church family members we also support the work of the Heifer International Project. This is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides sustainable farm animals to impoverished people all over the globe. For more information visit their website at: www.heifer.org.

For your faith enrichment throughout the coming week, the **Bible passages for next Sunday** are: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11.

Did you know that you can hear these readings in a podcast version? Check it out at the National Presbyterian Church website: www.pcusa.org/devotions/podcast. You also may want to look them up at: www.biblegateway.com

As a personal meditation this week you may want to write out your own version of Isaiah 43, verses 1 & 2, inserting your name, as follows: "(From the beginning) . . . I have redeemed you, _____; I have called you by name, _____; you are mine. When you, _____, pass through the water, I will be with you, And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you, _____; When you walk through fire you, _____, shall not be burned, And the flame shall not consume you, _____."

🎵 Music Notes

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus and the beginning of his public ministry. It seems odd that we just read about his birth and now we see him as an adult. Yet there are only a few incidents mentioned in Scripture between His birth and His ministry. It is also a time for us to reaffirm our own Baptisms. Canadian authors Sue Lauzon-MacDonald and Paula Ashby write in Gathering that “whenever water is mentioned in a passage of scripture we know there will be a time of transition—that something important is taking place.” So, as the old spiritual says “Wade in the Water”! Stick your toes in and get wet!

The Rev. Reginald Heber (1783-1826), an English vicar, and later a Bishop of Calcutta, India, wrote the text of Holy, Holy, Holy for Trinity Sunday. The tune, “Nicaea,” by Englishman John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) is named after the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. It was there that the belief in the Triune God was affirmed. We know this as the Nicene Creed.

Our tradition of singing the “Gloria Patri,” Latin for Glory Be to the Father is common to many denominations. This short hymn of praise was composed by Henry Greatorex (1813-1858). Henry was born on Christmas Eve in England, where his father was the organist at Westminster Abbey. He later came to America, and is buried in Charleston, South Carolina.

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us was written in 1979 by Nashville native and lifelong Presbyterian, Janie Alford (1887-1986). The *Presbyterian Hymnal Companion* says that the woman who wrote poetry all her life also studied astronomy, journalism, income tax and library science. “At eighteen Alford went to work to support her mother and sister. She was able to put her nephews through school and worked for over forty years as a medical secretary to a doctor.” In 1979, at the encouragement of composer Hal Hopson, she wrote hymn texts based on the seasons of the church year.

The 1890 Welsh tune is “Ebenezer,” by Thomas John Williams (1869-1944). Williams often attended church at the Ebenezer Chapel in Swansea, Wales. The tune is also sometimes called “Ton-y Botel” because of the legend that it was found in a bottle washed up on the seashore. “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus,” “Once to Every Man and Nation” and “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” also use this tune.

May you be inspired to meditate on the music and texts.



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MAYBE YOU SHOULD TELL ME A LITTLE MORE
ABOUT THIS GOD OF YOURS BEFORE WE GO ON



A SERVICE FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,
But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.

**Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINATION CANDIDATES

Ruth Pautler, Clerk of Session

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Cape Girardeau presents for ordination Jeanne Hirsch and Scott Harrison. At this time we also wish to install them with Barbara Calvin and Harvey Hecht, who have been previously ordained.

QUESTIONS OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Ruth Pautler

Do we, the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cape Girardeau, accept Jeanne, Barbara, Scott and Harvey chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION (All ordained Teaching and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church are encouraged to come forward to participate in this life changing event.)

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THE SESSION

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Barbara Calvin
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Harvey Hecht
Jeanne Hirsch

SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 A.M. Adult Education
10:30 A.M. Worship Service
10:45-11:30 Children and Youth Sunday School

GENERAL NOTICES

Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is provided during worship.
The Session meets the third Sunday of the month.
The Church Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.
The Church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 4, Marcia Warren Scoutmaster, and
Cub Scout Pack 15, Brian Hall Cubmaster